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For: METHODS FOR REDUCING
MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY BY
POSTOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION
OF A PHARMACOLOGIC
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.113

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant has carefully considered the final Office Action mailed January 4, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited. Filed herewith are Exhibits A and B, a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by three months to and including July 5, 2001.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Marked up copies of the following amended claims are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please amend Claims 1, 49 and 50 to read as follows:

C1 1. (Three Times Amended) A method for reducing cardiovascular disease complications in a patient following surgery comprising the step of: administering to the patient a pharmacologic cardiovascular agent prior to or during surgery, or immediately after surgery, and daily thereafter until symptoms of cardiovascular stress are reduced or the patient is discharged from the hospital wherein the agent is administered near the maximum effective dose of the agent while the patient's heart rate is greater than or equal to 65 bpm.

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